

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.  
Austin Texas April 19<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Hon Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding.  
Roll called.

Present, Aldermen Beatty, Fisher, Haynes, Huhn, Sims, Maddox, Miller,  
Blatt, Cowell, Reed, Robertson, Rosecrans, Schneider, Stumpf, Townsend & Williams.  
Absent Aldermen Belvin, Horton, Sawless, Nitchee, Shelley, Taylor and  
Zilker.

Alderman Nitchee entered the Council Chamber  
Upon motion of Alderman Sims the minutes of the previous  
meeting were adopted as recorded without reading.

Alderman Taylor entered the Council Chamber.

Pet. of P. W. Jobe regarding  
excessive valuation by Board  
of Equalization  
By Alderman Blatt. Petition of P. W. Jobe, regarding excessive  
valuation by the Board of Equalization, in adding to his assessment  
the sum of \$10,000.00 as "Giles Receivable", which said amount the  
petitioner denied being possessed of, and asking the City Council  
to strike said amount from the petitioner's assessment.

Read and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Alderman Belvin entered the Council Chamber.

By Alderman Beatty. Petition of F. Schapiro, asking for a remittance  
of fine assessed against him in the Recorder's Court.

Referred to the Mayor without further action.

By Alderman Schneider. Petition of the Y. M. C. A. of the City of  
Austin, asking that they be granted the privilege of using the City  
Park, in the First Ward, between San Antonio, 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and Guadalupe  
Streets, as an Athletic Field, except Sundays.

Alderman Horton entered the Council Chamber.

Alderman Robertson moved to refer the petition to the Committee  
on Parks, and the City Marshal which motion prevailed.

Alderman Sawless entered the Council Chamber.

An invitation from the Austin Fire Department to attend a  
Festival Picnic on April 9<sup>th</sup> 1897 was read and accepted.

The Mayor presented the bond of City Treasurer J. S. Myrick  
which was on motion, referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Zilker entered the Council Chamber.

The Financial Committee presented the following report which  
Purchase of 1000 Bonds was read and adopted.

Austin Texas April 19<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Hon Lewis Hancock, Mayor and City Council:

At the resolution of this City Council, bids were invited for  
Twenty thousand, \$20,000<sup>00</sup> Dollars, Austin Water & Electric Light 5%  
Bonds, in response to which the following bids were received:

F. G. Calhoun, St Louis 1000<sup>00</sup> or less at 1/2 premium and interest  
Geo W. Penningridge and Antonio 1000<sup>00</sup> or less at par and interest.

M. L. Miller Austin 3,000<sup>00</sup> at 7/8ggg.

In view of the fact that there is now about \$10,000.00 in the Interest and  
Dining Fund, your Committee recommend that the bid of Geo W. Penningridge,

and W. L. Miller, be accepted and that an appropriation of \$2,100.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated out of the Interest & Banking Fund for the purchase of said Twenty-two Bonds.

Respectfully,

A. W. Townsend.

J. D. Shelley.

Jos. F. Taylor. Finance Committee

Lewis Hancock Mayor.

Police Com's report on City Alderman Powell for the Police Committee to whom was referred  
Marshals report for March the reports of the City Marshal for the month of March 1897. Presented  
a report stating that the reports had been examined and  
found to be correct. The report was adopted.

Police Com's report on Pet. of Mr. Cheneville for  
reinstatement on Police force  
the following report which was read.

Austin, Texas, April 15<sup>th</sup> 1897.

To the Honorable Lewis Hancock, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Police, to whom was referred  
the twelve petitions embracing 1791 signers, asking the Council  
to place Mr. John Cheneville on the Police Force of the City, having  
carefully examined the petitions, find a large proportion of the  
tax payers of the several wards, and many of our best citizens  
are among the signers, one of the petitions alone embracing the  
names of 143 leading Germans and having consulted the City  
Marshal on the subject, your Committee are of the opinion that  
an additional man on the Force, would be for the Public good.  
Wherefore beg leave to report favorably, and that the petition  
be granted.

B. W. Powell,

C. A. Haynes,

W. M. Belvin, Committee on Police.

Alderman Robendean moved to adopt the report of the Committee.  
Alderman Maddox moved to lay the report of the Committee on the table.  
which motion was lost by the following vote.

Deas, Aldermen Peoty, Maddox, Miller, Fischer, Read, Shelley,  
Taylor and Townsend 8.

Deas, Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Huhn, Lawless,  
Sinn, Clark, Powell, Robendean, Rosengren, Schneider, Stumpf and Gilmer 14.  
On motion of Alderman Robendean, was then adopted by the  
following vote:

Deas, Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Huhn, Lawless, Sinn,  
Clark, Powell, Robendean, Rosengren, Schneider, Stumpf and Gilmer 14.  
Deas Aldermen Peoty, Maddox, Miller, Fischer, Read, Shelley, Taylor  
and Townsend 8.

Alderman Gilmer of the Street Committee, presented the following  
report, which was read and adopted:

Austin, Texas, April 10<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Street Committee in their  
Report of the Bond for  
the Citizens of the City of Austin  
dated 1895, October 1st.

To the Honorable Lewis Hancock, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward, in regard to opening an Alley in Cedar 6<sup>th</sup> Division B, running from East 11<sup>th</sup> St. to Shiloh St. beg leave to report, that we have examined the same, and find the Alley closed on the South the distance of about 170 feet and recommend that the petition be granted, and that the City Engineer be instructed to have the said Alley opened.

A. J. Gilmer

(J. P. Kirschle).

Joseph Stumpf. Committee on Streets.

The Mayor called Alderman Sigmund, President of the Council, to the Chair, stating that owing to indisposition, he was unable to preside further at this session of the Council.

New Business.

Ord. Amending Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> of the  
Revised Civil Ordinances

By Alderman Haynes, An ordinance amending Article 3<sup>rd</sup> of the Revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin, increasing the Police Force.

The ordinance was read first time.

Alderman Fischer moved to suspend the rule, and place the ordinance on its second reading.

Alderman Maddox, moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yea, Aldermen Beatty, Maddox, Miller, Kirschle, Redd and Shelley 6.  
Nays, Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Norton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn,  
Platt, Powell, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend  
and Gilmer 16.

The vote was then had on the motion of Alderman Fischer, to suspend the rule, and place the ordinance on its second reading, which motion was lost by the following vote.

Yea, Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Norton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn,  
Powell, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Stumpf and Gilmer 13.  
Nays Aldermen Beatty, Maddox, Miller, Kirschle, Platt, Redd  
Shelley, Taylor and Townsend. 9.

Ord. appropriating \$2,100.<sup>00</sup>  
to purchase 7% Water Light Bonds  
for Sinking Fund. X

By Alderman Townsend. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2,100<sup>00</sup> to purchase 7% Water Light Bonds of the City of Austin, for the Sinking Fund.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yea, Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Norton, Kuhn,  
Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Kirschle, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberson,  
Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and  
Gilmer 22.

Nays Nov. 1.

Ord. appropriating \$20.<sup>00</sup>  
for my Second District  
First District.

By Alderman Townsend. An ordinance appropriating \$20.00 to my Second District for my First District.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Seas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn,  
Madcox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren,  
Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Gilker v.v.  
Stays None.

Ord. appropriating \$1802.74 to City Alderman Townsend, An ordinance appropriating the sum of  
\$1802.74 to pay Approved Accounts.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the  
following vote:

Seas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless,  
Linn, Madcox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau,  
Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Gilker  
v.v.  
Stays None.

Ord. appropriating \$1950.00 to City Alderman Townsend, An ordinance appropriating the sum of  
\$1950.00 to pay Salaries of Officers and Employees for the month of  
April for April 1897.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the  
following vote:

Seas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless,  
Linn, Madcox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau,  
Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Gilker  
v.v.  
Stays None.

Ord appropriating \$100.00 to  
pay Drivers & Street Labor

City Alderman Haynes, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100.  
to pay Drivers and Street Labor, for the month of May 1897.  
Read first time and a motion made to suspend the rules and  
place the ordinance on its second reading which motion was lost  
by the following vote:

Seas Aldermen Belvin, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Madcox,  
Miller, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider, Stumpf and Townsend v.t.  
Stays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Nitschke, Roberdeau, Rosengren  
Shelley, Taylor and Gilker v.v.

City Clerk Jno O. Johnson  
granted leave of absence.

Resolution to have 200  
Copies of City Charter as  
amended, printed & that  
50 copies be bound.

Alderman Powell presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor  
to have 500 copies of the Amendment to the City Charter printed  
in pamphlet form.

Alderman Roberdeau moved to amend the resolution by adding,  
"that 200 copies of the City Charter as amended be printed and that  
50 copies of that number be bound."

Upon motion, the amendment of Alderman Roberdeau was adopted.  
Alderman Schneider moved that the word "Mayor" in the resolution  
be stricken out and "Printing Committee" inserted in lieu thereof  
which motion prevailed.

Hour of Council Meeting  
Changed from 8 o'clock  
8:30 o'clock p.m.

Alderman Platt moved that hereafter the City Council meet at 8:30  
o'clock instead of 8 o'clock as at present, which motion prevailed.  
Upon motion of Alderman Taylor the Council adjourned.

Jno O. Johnson  
City Clerk